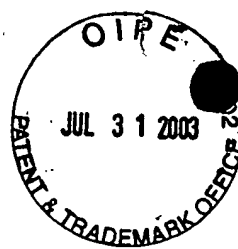


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This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action, mailed on May 28, 2003, for the above-identified patent application. As this response is filed within two months of the mailing date of the final Office Action, it is subject to the expedited procedure for replies after final rejection. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments and remarks that follow.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this document and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this document.